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1. U.S. Patent No.: 6,211,354 B1 issued April 3, 2001 Horie et al.
2. U.S. Patent No.: 6,063,572 issued May 16, 2000 Ishiguro et al.
3. U.S. Patent No.: 5,814,447 Issued Sep 29, 1998 Ishiguro et al.
4. Nucleic Acid Research, Vol. 15, No. 11, pp. 4403-4415 (1987) "Site-Directed Cleavage of RNA," Shibahara, et al.

Note that Shibahara et al. is referred to in U.S. Patent No. 5,409,818 (Davey et al.), which was cited by the Examiner in the present case, for a site specific hydrolysis

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method used for preparation of a first template of Davey et al., and discloses hydrolytic cleavage of an RNA (90 mer) having a known nucleotide sequence at a specific site using an oligonucleotide complementary to the specific site and RNaseH. Note that this is especially relevant to applicants argument that there is no teaching or suggestion in Davey et al. of use an oligonucleic acid for the purpose of cutting the target RNA at the 5' end of the specific nucleic acid sequence so that the resulting RNA fragment has the specific nucleic acid sequence located at the 5' end as in the present invention.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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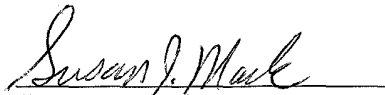
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